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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, EFIN, UY
SUBJ: NEW IBRD LOAN APPLICATION FOR URUGUAY--U.S. POSITION

REF: STATE 094140

1. I THINK THE TIMING OF THIS LOAN APPLICATION VOTE ON THE HEELS OF A SUCCESSFUL ABA VISIT BY WILLIAM BUTLER AND THE SUBSTANCE (I.E. EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL TRAINING) MAKES IT AN IDEAL VEHICLE TO BE USED TO INDUCE FURTHER PROGRESS HERE IN HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS ACCORDS WITH THE PD 30 ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND WITH THE USG GOALS AND OBJECTIVES POLICY PAPER FOR URUGUAY. I WOULD NOT RECOMMEND AN ABSTENSION VOTE TO ACKNOWLEDGE IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS, BECAUSE THE CASE IS TOO SLIM. RATHER I WOULD ARGUE THAT WE SHOULD ABSTAIN TO INDUCE THE GOU TO FULFILL THE COMMITMENTS MADE TO THE ABA MISSION, WHICH IF ACCOMPLISHED WOULD REPRESENT A DRAMATIC DEPARTURE FROM ITS PAST RECORD. THIS WOULD ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THE EARLIER USEFUL NAS VISIT AND WHAT I UNDERSTAND TO HAVE BEEN A CONSTRUCTIVE BENDAHAN/CHRISTOPHER MEETING.

3. IN ABSTAINING OUR U.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT AS TO OUR PURPOSE IN ABSTAINING. I SHOULD
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ALSO BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY SO I CAN MAKE POSITIVE USE OF OUR POSITION HERE WITH KEY GOU MILITARY AND CIVILIAN LEADERS. AMBASSADOR PEREZ CALDAS AND MILITARY ATTACHE GENERAL QUIROLO SHOULD BE SIMILARLY ADVISED OF OUR DECISION AND WHAT LIES BEHIND IT.

4. THIS IS A CASE WHEN A NO VOTE AT THIS SENSITIVE

JUNCTURE WOULD HAVE EXTREMELY NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES. A NEGATIVE VOTE BY THE US WOULD BE READ BY THE KEY MODERATE MILITARY LEADERS HERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW OPENING WE ARE WITNESSING AS A REJECTION OF THEIR EFFORTS AND A VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE IN THEM PERSONALLY. IT WOULD SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT THEIR ABILITY TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS, AND STRENGTHEN THE HAND OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS HARDLINERS WHO WILL ARGUE THAT THE USG CANNOT BE SATISFIED BY IMPROVEMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE BECAUSE ITS REAL GOAL IS TO REMOVE THE MILITARY FROM POWER. IT WOULD ALSO THWART BUTLER'S ONGOING EFFORTS.

5. THERE IS NO ASSURANCE THAT ABSTAINING ON THIS LOAN WILL DRAMATICALLY ACCELERATE PROGRESS IN HUMAN RIGHTS, BUT UNQUESTIONABLY A NO VOTE AT THIS JUNCTURE WOULD POISON THE CURRENT ATMOSPHERE WHICH OFFERS OPPORTUNITIES FOR PROGRESS.

6. I HAVE SLUGGED THIS FOR ARA ONLY AS REQUESTED, BUT ASK THAT THIS MESSAGE BE SHARED WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTOPHER COMMITTEE.
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